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Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

Note by the Secretariat

The present note contains the recommendations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations at its fourteenth session, held in Geneva from 28 to 30 March 2001. These recommendations were approved by the High Commissioner for Human Rights on behalf of the Secretary-General on 7 April 2001.

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Mandate of the Fund

1. Convinced that the establishment of a voluntary trust fund would constitute a significant development for the future promotion and protection of the human rights of indigenous populations, the General Assembly established the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations by resolution 40/131 of 13 December 1985. The purpose of the Fund is to assist representatives of indigenous communities and organizations to participate in the deliberations of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights by providing them with financial assistance funded by means of voluntary contributions from Governments, non-governmental organizations and other private or public entities.

2. The General Assembly extended the mandate of the Fund by resolution 50/156 of 21 December 1995 by deciding that the Fund should also be used to assist representatives of indigenous communities and organizations to participate in the deliberations of the open-ended inter-sessional Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights established by the Commission in its resolution 1995/32, as endorsed by the Economic and Social Council on 25 July 1995.

Board of Trustees

3. The mandate of the Board is to advise the Secretary-General on the administration of the Fund, through the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The Board is composed of five persons with relevant experience in issues affecting indigenous populations, who serve in their personal capacity as United Nations experts. The Board members are appointed by the Secretary-General, in consultation with the current Chairman of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, with due regard for equitable geographical distribution, for a renewable three-year term. At least one member shall be a representative of a widely recognized organization of indigenous populations.

4. The five members who have been appointed by the Secretary-General for a three year term ending on 31 December 2002 are themselves indigenous experts: Mr. Michael Dodson (Australia), Ms. Naomi N. Kipuri (Kenya), Mr. José Carlos Morales Morales (Costa Rica), Ms. Tove S. Petersen (Greenland/Denmark) and Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz (Philippines; Chairperson of the Board).

Beneficiaries

5. The criteria for the selection of beneficiaries have been established by the General Assembly, by the Commission on Human Rights and the Secretary-General upon recommendations of the Board of Trustees (see annex I).

Fourteenth session of the Board of Trustees

6. During the seven meetings of its fourteenth session, held in Geneva from 28 to 30 March and on 2 April 2001, the Board of Trustees examined information prepared by its secretariat concerning: the financial situation of the Fund; new contributions paid and pledges made by

Governments since the thirteenth session; applications for new travel grants to attend the nineteenth session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations; and applications for new travel grants to attend the seventh session of the Working Group established to elaborate a draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples. The Board also met with representatives of donor Governments during its annual meeting with donors, as well as with the non-governmental organization Mandat International, based in Geneva, which is providing assistance to representatives of indigenous organizations and communities attending United Nations working groups.

7. The contributions available for the fourteenth session of the Board and pledges made are listed in annex II. A chart showing contributions received since 1995 is provided in annex III.

Implementation of recommendations adopted at the thirteenth session

8. The Board noted with satisfaction that all the recommendations adopted at its thirteenth session in 2000 (see E/CN.4/Sub.2/AC.4/2000/4) had been implemented by its secretariat.

Consideration of new applications for grants

9. The Board considered:

(a) Two hundred and twenty-five new applications for grants to cover travel and per diem expenses for representatives of indigenous organizations and communities to attend the nineteenth session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, scheduled to take place from 23 to 27 July 2001;

(b) Thirty-two applications for grants to cover travel and per diem expenses for representatives to attend the seventh session of the Working Group established by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1995/32 to elaborate a draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples, in October/November 2001.

Recommendations for grants

10. After having examined the applications in the light of the selection criteria (see annex I), the Board recommended the following:

(a) Seventy-nine travel grants to allow representatives of indigenous communities and organizations (see annex IV) to attend the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, for a total amount of about US$ 321,700.

(b) Twenty-three travel grants to allow representatives of indigenous communities and organizations (see annex V) to attend the Working Group on the draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples, for a total amount of about US$ 110,200.

(c) Sufficient funds (amounting to about US$ 38,000) for grants to allow representatives of indigenous organizations and communities to attend, as observers, a possible meeting of the Permanent Forum in the first months of 2002 before the next session of the Board, in the case of the adoption by the General Assembly of a resolution which would extend further the mandate of the Fund.[1]

Sessions of the working groups and obligations of beneficiaries

11. The Board recommended that beneficiaries should be notified, in a letter informing them of the decision concerning their application for a grant, that it is part of their reporting obligations to submit to the secretariat of the Fund, before their departure from Geneva, the text of any oral statement they delivered at a working group.

12. The beneficiaries should also be notified in this letter that, by accepting the grant, they are also accepting the obligation to participate fully at all meetings of a working group. They should also be urged to participate as fully as possible in the indigenous caucus meetings. If they were obliged, for unexpected reasons, to leave Geneva before the end of the session of a working group, they must inform the secretariat of the Fund as early as possible. In such exceptional circumstances, they would have to refund, before departure, the daily subsistence allowance for those days. The beneficiaries should also be notified that failure to comply with these obligations would jeopardize any future application for a grant.

13. In the same letter, the secretariat should inform the beneficiaries that the Board strongly urged them to take out travel, medical and health insurance for the period of their stay in Geneva, as the daily subsistence allowance included sufficient funds for this purpose.

14. The secretariat and members of the Board attending a working group should try to meet all the beneficiaries. If necessary, they should remind them of their obligation to participate fully in all meetings of the working group.

15. During sessions of the working groups, the secretariat should continue to organize a meeting with indigenous representatives to explain how to apply for grants from the Fund.

16. The Board expressed concern regarding delays in the notification to the beneficiaries by Carlson Wagonlit Travel Agency of their travel arrangements, as well as regarding the refunding of the part of travel costs paid by the beneficiaries themselves. If their ticket did not arrive well in advance, the beneficiaries could not meet the requirement of obtaining a visa from the relevant authorities. Therefore, the OHCHR administration should give instructions to Carlson Wagonlit to issue the airplane tickets at least two weeks before the date of travel. The Board recommended that the OHCHR administration refund the part of travel costs paid by the beneficiaries as soon possible upon receipt of the beneficiaries' travel claims.

Distribution of application forms

17. The Fund's application forms should be distributed as widely as possible, for instance by including the forms in various organizations' Web sites and mailing lists. The Board members would also continue actively to distribute these application forms in their respective geographical area.

Fund raising

18. The Board held its annual meeting with donor Governments on 30 March at the Palais des Nations. The members expressed their gratitude for the donors' generous contributions, recommended a sustained effort and, if possible, an increase in their contributions. The Board was encouraged by even symbolic contributions as an expression of interest in the participation of indigenous populations. The Board invited Governments to continue to meet with the Board during its annual session to discuss issues of mutual concern. The Board urged donors who had pledged a contribution to pay it as soon as possible.[2]

19. The Board expressed concern about the decrease in the number of donors and contributions received (see annex III) and urged new donors to contribute so that the donor base could be enlarged.

20. The Board decided, as a principle, to meet each year with donors on the last day of its session.

21. Board members recommended that the High Commissioner for Human Rights send a letter to donors appealing for additional contributions to be paid by the end of the current year, in order to allow the Board to increase further the number of grants and the representation of indigenous communities and organizations next year.

22. The Board recommended that the Bureau of the fifty-eighth session of the Commission on Human Rights, in 2002, should again invite the Chairperson, or any other member of the Board who could be in Geneva during the session of the Commission, to deliver a statement introducing the section on the Fund and Board activities in the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to the Commission,[3] as well as the needs of the Fund and to appeal for new contributions.

Notes

[1] The General Assembly extended the mandate of the Fund in its resolution 53/130 of 9 December 1998 by deciding that the Fund should also be used to assist representatives of indigenous communities and organizations to participate in the deliberations of the open-ended inter-sessional ad hoc working group on a permanent forum established by the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 1998/20, as endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1998/247.

[2] New contributions from Chile and Finland were recorded by the United Nations Treasurer shortly after the session (see annex II).

[3] Concerning the fifty-seventh session of the Commission, see E/CN.4/2001/84 and, in annex VI to the present document, the statement made by Ms. Tove S. Petersen on behalf of the Board of Trustees on 12 April 2001 .

Annex 1

CRITERIA FOR THE SELECTION OF BENEFICIARIES

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 40/131, the only beneficiaries of assistance from the Fund shall be representatives of indigenous populations' organizations and communities:

(i) Who are so considered by the Board of Trustees;

(ii) Who would not, in the opinion of the Board, be able to attend the sessions of the working groups without the assistance provided by the Fund;

(iii) Who would be able to contribute to a deeper knowledge on the part of the working groups of the problems affecting indigenous populations and who would secure a broad geographical representation.

2. In accordance with Commission on Human Rights resolution 1995/32, organizations must have consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or be authorized by its Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to attend working groups of the Commission on Human Rights.

3. In addition, the Board has developed the following practice and guidelines, which have been approved by the Secretary-General:

(a) Representatives applying for a grant should be indigenous and their organizations should be indigenous organizations;

(b) The Board selects both representatives who have never participated in a session of a working group and representatives who already participated and could develop specialized capacity and strengthen the core group of participants in a working group;

(c) The Board only considers a maximum of two applicants per organization;

(d) The Board does not consider applicants who do not provide a letter of recommendation signed by an executive of their indigenous organization, nor an applicant who is not an indigenous person;

(e) Applicants are requested to submit duly filled in application forms and an attached letter of recommendation in a working language of the Board's secretariat (English, French or Spanish). Applications received in other official working languages of United Nations organs (Arabic, Chinese or Russian) should be returned to the applicants with a request that a translation in English, French or Spanish be submitted to the secretariat. Applications and letters of recommendation in languages other than English, French or Spanish will not be considered by the Board of Trustees;

(f) The Board encourages indigenous organizations and communities to consider gender balance and, if possible, to present one woman and one man;

(g) The Board encourages indigenous organizations and communities to consider nominating young persons;

(h) The Board encourages the former beneficiaries of the OHCHR Indigenous Fellowship Programme to apply for grants to represent their indigenous organization or community at sessions of the Working Groups by sending duly filled in application forms and meeting all the criteria for selection;

(i) Applicants are requested to indicate their responsibility in their organization or community;

(j) Applicants attending the nineteenth session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations have been requested to refer in their statements to the specific theme of the year, which is "Indigenous peoples and their right to development".

Annex II

VOLUNTARY FUND FOR INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS

I. CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE BOARD IN MARCH 2001[a]

Country	Amount (US$)	Paid on
Cyprus	2 996	29 December 2000
Denmark	40 000	26 March 2001
Estonia	17 760	2 January 2001
Greece	6 000	19 December 2000
Holy See	1 000	26 December 2000
Netherlands	29 489	26 September 2000
Norway	55 163	28 March 2001
Switzerland	22 727	27 November 2000

Grand total: US$ 175,135[b]

II. PLEDGES MADE

Country	Amount in US$	Local currency	Pledged on
Bolivia	1 000		2-3 November 1999[c]
Canada	9 554	15 000 CANS	23 February 2001
Chile[d]	5 000		2-3 November 1999[c]
	5 000		1-2 November 2000[e]
Total	20 554		

[a] According to official receipt vouchers available at OHCHR.

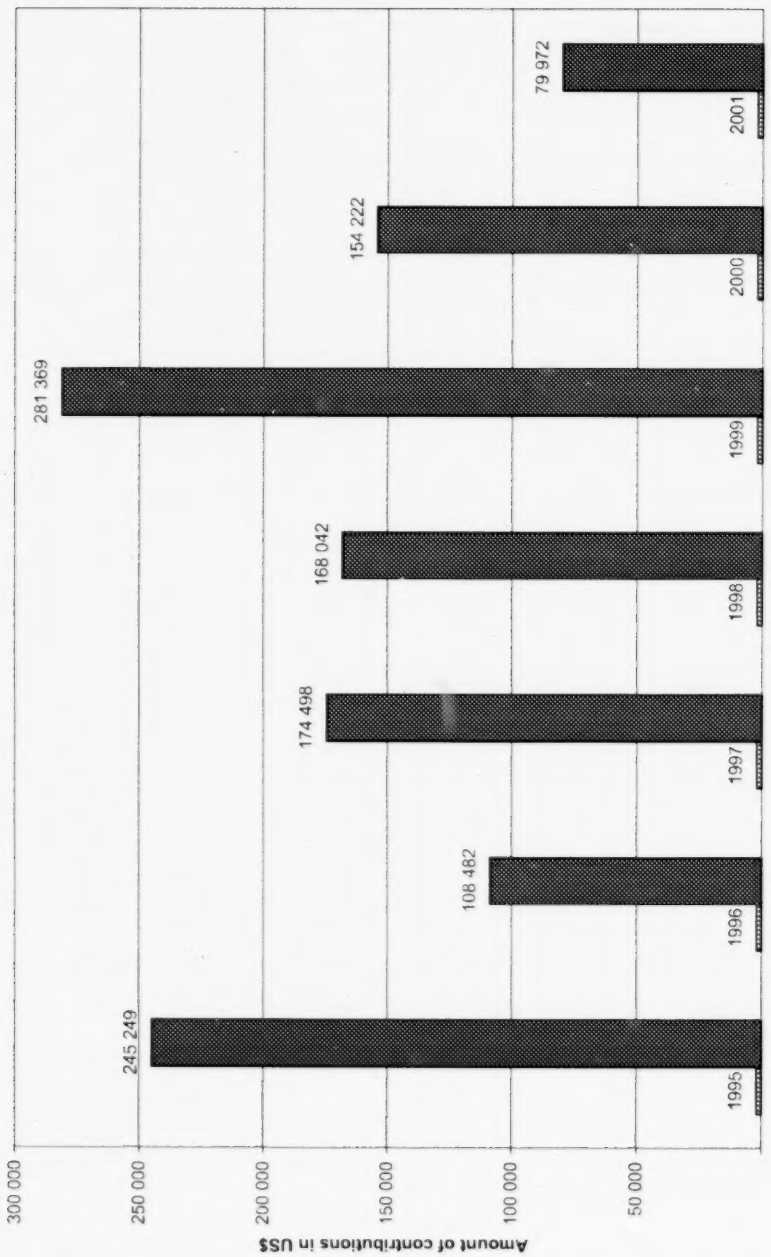
[b] After the session, a contribution from Finland amounting to US$ 33,996 was recorded on 20 April 2001 by the United Nations Treasurer.

[c] Pledge made at the 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference on Development Activities in New York.

[d] After the session, a contribution from Chile amounting to US$ 5,000 was recorded on 23 April 2001 by the United Nations Treasurer.

[e] Pledge made at the 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference on Development Activities in New York.

Annex III
Contributions received 1995-2001



Annex IV

List of beneficiaries of travel grants recommended by the Board of Trustees for attendance at the nineteenth session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations (23-27 July 2001)

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE[a]	ORGANIZATION	INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS REPRESENTED[b]	CITY, STATE[c]
Mohamed Ikarbane (m)	Association pour le développement TIGMI	Amazighs (Kabyles, Tourags, Chouis, Moxabits, Chenomis)	Tizi-Ouzou, Algeria
Sabrina Nouri (f)	"	"	"
Mathambo Ngakaeja (m)	Working Group of Indigenous Minorities in Southern Africa-Botswana Desk (WIMSA)	Bushmen/San	Ghanzi, Botswana
Charles Salil (m)	Keiyo indigenous community	Keiyo	Eldoret, Kenya
Hassan Guyo Shano (m)	Waso Trustland Project	Borana community	Isiolo, Kenya
Peris Pesi Tobiko (f)	Dupoto-e-MAA	Maasai	Kajiado, Kenya
Emmanuel Mariach Lousot (m)	Tomwo Integrated Pastoralist Development Initiatives (Tomwo, IPDI)	Pokot	Kapenguria, Kenya
David Yator Kiptum (m)	Sengwer Indigenous Development Project (SIDP)	Sengwer	Kitale, Kenya

[a] According to the application forms, all the representatives are indigenous themselves.

[b] Indigenous populations represented, according to the application forms.

[c] According to the application forms.

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE[a]	ORGANIZATION	INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS REPRESENTED[b]	CITY, STATE[c]
Fridha Chepkisich (f)	Silangwa Youth Group	Sengwer	Kitale, Kenya
Mary Kaparo (f)	Organisation for Survival of Il-Laikipia Indigenous Maasai Group Initiatives (OSILIGI)	Laikipia Maasai	Nanyuki, Kenya
Margaret Kobei (f)	Ogiek Rural Integral Projects (ORIP)	Ogiek	Narok, Kenya
Florida Barunye (f)	Dorobo Centre for Dorobo Rights	Dorobo	Narok, Kenya
Nkitoria Ole Sakuda (m)	Simba Maasai Outreach Organization (SIMOO)	Keekonyokie Maasai of Intashat, Euaso and Mosiro	Ngong Hills, Kenya
Zouda Ag Doho (m)	Association Isudar	Amazighs: Touregs of Mauritania, Mali and Niger	Nouakchott, Mauritania
Khadija Boujid (f)	Association nouvelle de la culture et des arts populaires (ANCAP)-Tamaynut	Berbères Amazighs,	Rabat, Morocco
Driss Khouna (m)	Association nouvelle de la culture et des arts populaires (ANCAP)-Tamaynut	Berbères, Amazighs	Rabat, Morocco
Laurentius Sebastianus Davids (m)	Khoekhoegowab Curriculum Committee	Khoekhoegowab speakers (175,554 people)	Okahandja, Namibia
Joram Useb (m)	Working Group of Indigenous Minorities of Southern Africa (WIMSA)	San	Windhoek, Namibia
Taher Cheikh Salah (m)	Association Tidawt	Tuareg	Agadez, Niger
Alfred Ilenre (m)	Ethnic Minority and Indigenous Rights Organization of Africa (EMIROAF)	Edo indigenous peoples	Lagos, Nigeria
Sinafasi Makelo (m)	Action d'appui pour la protection des droits de minorités en Afrique Centrale	Pygmees	Cyangugu, Rwanda

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Benon Mugarura (m)	African Indigenous and Minority Peoples Organization	Batwa	Kigali, Rwanda
Clotilde Musabeyezu (f)	Association pour le développement global des Batwa du Rwanda	Batwa	Kigali, Rwanda
Marthe Muhawenimana (f)	Association pour la promotion des Batwa (APB)/Femmes Nsanabandi	Batwa	Kigali, Rwanda
Adam Kuleit Ole Mwarabu (m)	Parakuiyo Community	The Parakuiyo Pastoralists, one of the Maa-speaking groups	Handeni, Coast Region, United Republic of Tanzania
Losingo Saitoti Kibasis (m)	"	"	"
Ramasuvha Tshililo Agnes (f)	Dabalorivhuwa Patriotic Front	Venda population	Sibasa, South Africa
Viviana Elsa Figueroa (f)	Asociación Indígena de la República Argentina (AIRA)	Various indigenous populations: Wichi, Tobas, Kollas, Mocovies, Pilagas, Mapuche, Guarani, ...	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Justa Cabrera de Flores (f)	Capitania Guarani Zona Santa Cruz	Guarani	Santa Cruz, Bolivia
Valerio Cañipa Tarque (m)	Asociación Indígena Aymara San Bartolome de Livilcar	Aymara	Arica, Chile
Miguel Antonio Valbuena Guauriyú (m)	Organizacion Nacional Indígena de Colombia (ONIC)	About 86 different indigenous populations (about 1 million inhabitants)	Puerto Estrella, Colombia
Paulina Diaz (f)	Asociación del Concejo Nacional de Mujeres Indígenas Costarricenses (ACONAMIC)	Cabagra, Bribris	Bolas, Costa Rica

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Ruben Yurank (m)	Comunidad Shuar de Namarin	Shuar	Huamboya, Ecuador
Pedro Manuel Guaillas Agrigo (m)	Centro Indígena Saraguros de San Vicente de Caney	Indigenous people of the community of San Vicente de Caney	San Vicente de Caney, Ecuador
Ruben Ortiz Hernandez (m)	Programa de Desarrollo Economico y Social de la Mujer Kichin Konojel	Kaqchikel	Guatemala City
Gloria Sanic Morales (f)	"	"	"
Kid James (m)	Amerindian Peoples' Association of Guyana (APA)	Wapishama, Wai Wai, Warau, Arawak, Arecuna, Akawaio, Chribs, Patamoma, Inacushi	Georgetown, Guyana
Diana Xochiti del Angel Gutierrez (f)	Servicios para el Desarrollo	Hñahñu	Nezahualcoyotl, Mexico
Josefina Garcia Hernandez (f)	Desarrollo Rural Yolchikaualistli	Nauatl	Puebla, Mexico
Nelson DeLeon Kantule (m)	Asociación Napguana	Kuna	Panama, Panama
Maria Jesus Carrillo Segovia (f)	Confederación Nacional de Criadores de Alpaca Llama	Quechua	Cuzco, Peru
Elizabeth Chamorro Gonzales (f)	Casa Nativa TAMPA ALLQO	Wankas, Waris, Ashanincas, Shipibos	Huancayo, Peru
Loyal David Hauheng (m)	Bawm Indigenous Peoples' Organization	Bawm, Lushai, Pangkhua, Khiang, Khumi and Mro.	Chittagong, Bangladesh
Yching Prue Marma (f)	Hill Women's Federation (HWF)	11 groups of ethnic people speaking 10 languages who live in the Chittagong Hill Districts, situated in the south-east of Bangladesh	Dhaka, Bangladesh

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Mrinal Kanti Tripura (m)	Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti (PCJSS)	More than 600,000 people from 10 multilingual and 11 indigenous groups of the Jumma peoples	Khagrachari, Bangladesh
Lal Thanmawi (f)	Zo Re-unification Organization (ZORO)	Zo indigenous peoples	Aizawl, India
Ratan Roy (m)	St. John's Mission-Bijni	Bodo indigenous population	Bijni, India
Raju Keshav Pandhara (m)	Adivasi Ekta Parishad	Warli, Bhil, Malhar Koli, Dhodia and Dubla people	Bombay, India
Philomina Tirkey Imam (f)	Tribal Women's Artists Cooperative-Indian National Trust of Art and Cultural Heritage	Oraons	Calcutta, India
Tarulata Kakoti (Majhi) (f)	Adivasi Socio-Education and Cultural Association, Assam	Santals and other Adivasis	Guwahati, India
Tingcha Singsit (f)	Indigenous Kuki Women Network	Kuki people	Imphal (Manipur), India
Fagu Besra (m)	Chotanagpur Adivasi Sewa Samiti	Adivasis of Chottanagpur region	New Delhi, India
Ferry Marisan (m)	The Institute for Human Rights Studies and Advocacy	Indonesian population from Biak Island	Jayapura, Papua Barat, Indonesia
Elisabeth Nussy (f)	"	Indigenous peoples living in the central highland in West Papua	"
Ferdy Duarmas (m)	Ikatan Cendekiawan Tanimbar (ICTI)	Tanimbarese	Jakarta, Indonesia
Silvester Wogan (m)	The Institute for Indigenous People Study and Empowerment - LPPMA	Indigenous peoples in West Papua	Jayapura, Papua Barat, Indonesia

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Mierna Lukman (f)	Alliance of Indigenous People of Indonesia	Lipulalo community	Palu, Sulawesi-Tengah, Indonesia
Vincent Herman Mosa Foa (m)	(YAPMAR) Foundation for the Transformation of Indigenous Rendu Community	Rendu community	Indonesia
Claudia Lasimbang (f)	Pacos Trust	Sabah indigenous populations	Sabah, Malaysia
Sirjana Subba (f)	Kirat Yakthung Chumlung	Limbu	Kathmandu, Nepal
Gore Bahadur Khapangi Magar (m)	Nepal Federation of Nationalities	Indigenous peoples in Nepal	Kathmandu, Nepal
Deepa Gurung (f)	"	"	"
Joan Carling (f)	Cordillera Peoples Alliance - Philippines	Igorots of the Cordillera region, northern Luzon	Baguio City, Philippines
Chito Balintay (m)	Pagkakaisa Ng Aeta Ng Pinatubo Incorporated (PAP)	Aeta in central Luzon	Zambales, Philippines
Lev Nerbishev (m)	Council of Khakas People (Chon Chobi)	Khakas	Abakan, Republic of Khakasia, Russian Federation
Rodion Sambuu (m)	"Odugen" reindeer-herding extended family enterprise	Tyva-Todzhu	Adyr-Kezhig, Tyva Republic, Russian Federation
Galina Shutova (f)	Association of Indigenous Peoples of Baikitski district "Arun"	Evenki	Baikit, Baikitski district, Evemkiyski autonomous okrug, Russian Federation
Gulvaira Shermatova (f)	The Association of the Kumandin people "Istoc"	Kumandin	Biysk, Russian Federation

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Elena Malchakitova (f)	Association of the Indigenous Peoples of the Chita Region	Evenki	Chap-Olgoo, Kalar district, Chita region, Russian Federation
Galina Alotova (f)	Traditional Hunters Indigenous Community "Ude"	Udege	Gvasugi, Russian Federation
Tatiana Terletzkaia (f)	Grass-root organization of indigenous peoples of Keperveem village, Chukotka	Chukchi	Keperveem, Chukotski autonomous okrug, Russian Federation
Luba Arbachakova (f)	Mezhdurechensk Society of Indigenous People "Altyn-Shor"	Shor	Mezhdurechensk, Kemerobo Region, Russian Federation
Rodion Sulyandziga (m)	Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North	Udege	Moscow, Russian Federation
Lana Migunova (f)	Society of Veps Culture	Veps	Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia, Russian Federation
Vasili Robbek (m)	The Institute of Problems of Northern Indigenous Peoples	Even, Evenki, Dolgan, Chukchi, Yukagir	Yakutsk, Russian Federation
Megan Davis (f)	Foundation for Aboriginal Islander Research Action (FAIRA)	South-east Queensland Aboriginal groups: Wakka, Gubbi and Yugambeh	Woollongabba, Australia
Sarah Sepoe (f)	Deboin Peoples Foundation Inc. (DPF)	Binandere tribal communities in the Ioma and Oro province	Papua New Guinea
Tracey Whare (f)	Ngatira Lands Trust	Ngati Ahuru (Ngati Raukawa)	Wellington, New Zealand
Taki Anaru (m)	Wellington Maori Legal Service	Maori	Wellington, New Zealand

Annex V

List of beneficiaries of travel grants recommended by the Board of Trustees for attendance at the seventh session of the Working Group to elaborate the draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples (October/November 2001)

NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE[a]	ORGANIZATION[b]	INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS REPRESENTED[c]	CITY, STATE[d]
Ann Resiano (f)	Organisation for Survival of Il-Laikipiak Indigenous Maasai Group Initiatives (OSILIGI)	Laikipia Maasai	Nanyuki, Kenya
Fatima Mourd (f)	Association nouvelle de la culture et des arts populaires (ANCAP) Tamaynut	Amazigh (Berber)	Rabat, Morocco
Hassan Id Balkassm (m)	"	"	"
Juvénal Sebishwi (m)	Association pour la promotion des Batwa	Batwa	Kigali, Rwanda
Benon Mugarura (m)	African Indigenous and Minority Peoples Organization (AIMPO)	Batwa	Kigali, Rwanda

[a] According to the application form, all the representatives are indigenous themselves.

[b] All the organizations listed are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or are authorized by its Committee of Non-Governmental Organizations to participate in the open-ended Working Group on the Permanent Forum.

[c] Indigenous populations represented, according to the application form.

[d] According to the application form.

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Gladis Echegaray Ponce de Leon (f)	Yachay Wasi	Indigenous peoples in the district of Acopia	Cuzco, Peru
Luis Delgado Hurtado (m)	"	"	"
Gladys Vasquez Poma (f)	Comisión Jurídica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos (CAPAJ)	Aymara	Tacna, Peru
Estebancio Castro (m)	Indian Treaty Council	Kuna	California, United States of America
Mrinal Kanti Tripura (m)	Chittagong Hill Tracts Peace Campaign/ Parbatya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti (PCJSS)	Jumma peoples	Khagrachari, Bangladesh
Bineet Mundu (m)	Chotanagpur Adivasi Sewa Samiti	Munda	New Delhi, India
Prajnalankar Bhikkhu (m)	Peace Campaign Group/Asian Buddhist Conference for Peace	Jumma in the Chittagong Hill Tracts	New Delhi, India
Narad Mani Rai Kirati (m)	Nepal Indigenous Peoples Development and Information Service Centre (NIPDISC)	Rai/Kirati, Limbu, Gurung, Magar, Tamang	Kathmandu, Nepal
Kripa Ram Rai/Kirati (m)	"	"	"
Sirjana Subba (f)	Nepal Federation of Nationalities/Kirat Yakthung Chumlung	Limbu	Kathmandu, Nepal
Angdawa Sherpa (f)	Nepal Federation of Nationalities	Indigenous peoples in Nepal	Kathmandu, Nepal
Michail Todishev (m)	Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON)	Shor	Moscow, Russian Federation

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Rodion Sulyandziga (m)	Russian Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North (RAIPON)	Indigenous peoples of the North, Siberia and Far East of Russian Federation	Moscow, Russian Federation
Nadezhda Pechenina (f)	Association of the Shor People/Town Community "Shoria"	Shor populations	Novokuznetsk, Russian Federation
Konstantin Robbek (m)	Association of Northern Indigenous Peoples of Sakha Republic	Even, Evenki, Dolgans, Yukagir, Chukchi	Yakutski, Russian Federation
Nadir Bekirov (m)	Meljis of Crimean Tatar People	Crimean Tatars	Simferopol, Ukraine
Megan Davis (f)	Faira Foundation Aboriginal Islander Research Action	South-east Queensland Aboriginal groups: Wakka Wakka, Cobble Cobble	Woolloongabba, Australia
Anthony John Sinclair (m)	Te kawau Maro	Maori	Auckland, New Zealand

Annex VI

STATEMENT BY MS. TOVE S. PETERSEN, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS TO THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT ITS FIFTY-SEVENTH SESSION ON 12 APRIL 2001

Mr. Chairman,

I wish to express my appreciation to you and to the Bureau for giving me this opportunity to address the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-seventh session on behalf of the Chairperson and the other members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations.

The latest information concerning the Fund is contained in the biennial report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the activities of the Decade (A/55/202) and in his annual report on the activities of the International Decade (A/55/268), as well as in the note by the Secretariat to the eighteenth session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations (E/CN.4/AC.4/2000/4) and in the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to the present session of the Commission (E/CN.4/2001/84).

The Fund was established by the General Assembly in 1985 to provide financial assistance to representatives of indigenous organizations and communities to participate in the deliberations of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations. The General Assembly extended the mandate of the Fund to assist indigenous representatives to attend also the Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights on the draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples. Thanks to the donors to this Fund, we have been able so far to meet the increasing demands of indigenous communities and organizations to be heard and contribute to the discussions on their rights in these forums.

The presence and active participation of indigenous peoples in the Commission on Human Rights bodies dealing with indigenous issues has created a healthy environment for dialogue and confidence building between governments and indigenous peoples. This is always the first step towards the achievement of justice, peace and development for peoples who have been long oppressed and marginalized.

The participation of indigenous peoples in the working groups has allowed them to develop further their knowledge and skills on their rights and the assertion of these rights.

The fourteenth annual session of the Board of Trustees was held from 28 to 30 March at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva. We examined about 260 applications for travel grants. In the light of the established selection criteria, we recommended the allocation of a total amount of US$ 321,700 for 79 travel grants to allow representatives of indigenous communities and organizations to attend the annual session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, as well as US$ 110,200 for 23 grants to representatives of indigenous communities and organizations to attend the Working Group on

the draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples, and about US$ 38,000 for grants to allow representatives of indigenous organizations and communities to attend, as observers, a possible meeting of the Permanent Forum, in the first months of 2002, before the next session of the Board, in the case of the adoption by the General Assembly of a resolution which could further extend the mandate of this Fund.

These recommendations were approved on 7 April by the High Commissioner for Human Rights on behalf of the Secretary-General. The decisions and measures which will be taken to implement them will be mentioned in the next report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly, as well as in the report of the High Commissioner to your fifty-eighth session and in a report to the next session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations.

I take this opportunity to thank the regular and new donors which, by contributing to the Fund, have also contributed meaningfully to the effective functioning of these working groups. With the contributions received, we have been able to cover the envisaged expenditure for 2001. I appeal to Governments which have made a pledge to the Fund, including Bolivia and Chile, as well as new donors, to consider contributing to the Fund at their earliest convenience, in order to ensure the necessary budget to allocate travel grants to the working groups in 2002.

I also take this opportunity to appeal for new contributions for next year. An amount of about US$ 724,000 would be needed to cover the foreseen expenditure for the year 2002.

Your contributions will indeed go a long way in the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples all over the world.

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